



BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL *Record*

BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL 25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

SILVER ANNIVERSARY DINNER

More than 900 guests, who overflowed into the foyer of the Hotel Somerset, attended the celebration of Beth Israel Hospital's first quarter-century of service at Brookline Avenue. It was an expression of esteem and devotion to Dr. Wilinsky who has been the only executive director since the doors were first opened in 1928.

Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean of the Harvard Medical School and guest speaker, told the gathering that Beth Israel Hospital represents the finest example of a Boston hospital and attributed the institution's progress to the vision and foresight of Dr. Wilinsky and a Jewish community that is mindful of its ancient heritage and its tradition of caring for the sick and needy.

Sidney R. Rabb, general chairman of the 25th Anniversary committee, presided at the dinner. S. Robert Stone, president, reviewed the accomplishments of the Hospital over the past year. Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, president of the Women's Auxiliary, paid tribute to the thousands of



Principal Speakers, left to right: Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Executive Director; Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean of Harvard Medical School; Dr. Cecil Sheps, newly appointed successor to Dr. Wilinsky; Mr. S. Robert Stone, President, Beth Israel Hospital Association.

Greater Boston women for their continued interest and support in the hospital. The establishment of the Charles F. Wilinsky Lectureship in Medicine was announced by Dr. Henry Kontoff, president of the Staff Council. A portrait of Dr. Wilinsky

was presented to the Hospital by Dr. David D. Berlin. Dr. Cecil G. Sheps, who will become director of the Beth Israel Hospital in September, expressed hope that he would prove a worthy successor to Dr. Wilinsky.



Taking part in the dedication of Kirstein Hall, left to right: Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Mr. Lincoln E. Kirstein, Mrs. Minna Curtis, Mr. George Kirstein, Mr. Abram Berkowitz, Mr. S. Robert Stone.

DEDICATION OF KIRSTEIN HALL

One of the highlights of the Silver Anniversary celebration of the hospital was the dedication of Kirstein Hall. In an impressive ceremony on Saturday afternoon, April 18, 1953, the Beth Israel Hospital Nurses' Residence was formally dedicated as Kirstein Hall in memory of Rose and Louis Kirstein.

The Kirstein family has long been known for its philanthropy and special interest in the hospital. Mr. Louis Kirstein served as President of the Board of Trustees from 1938 to 1943. Mr. Abram Berkowitz, second vice-president of the hospital, presided at the ceremony and the presentation of Kirstein Hall was made by Lincoln E. Kirstein, eldest son of Louis Kirstein. Following the presentation, the drapes were removed and the new handsomely engraved stonework over the main entrance was shown for the first time.

25th SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Beth Israel Hospital opened its 25th Anniversary celebration with an Employee Open House on April 16th. Over 400 employees joined in the birthday celebration held in the Employees' Cafeteria. Music was provided by Catherine O'Connell, elevator operator, and Henrietta Giardini of the Main Kitchen.

On Saturday morning a special program of "25 Years of Medical Care, Education and Research" was held in the Sherman Auditorium for the medical staff and former house officers. Dr. Henry Kontoff, President of the Staff Council, presided. Greetings were extended by Mr. S. Robert Stone, President of the Beth Israel Hospital Association. Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Executive Director, spoke on the "Historical Perspective." Speakers from the staff were: Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, Physician in Chief; Dr. Nathan Sidel, visiting physician; Dr. Jacob Fine, Surgeon in Chief; Dr. David Berlin, visiting physician; Dr. Harold H. Rosenfeld, Obstetrician in Chief; Dr. Sidney S. Gellis, Pediatrician in Chief. Guest speakers were: Dr. Joseph M. Hayman, Jr., Dean of Tufts Medical School; Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean of Harvard Medical School; Dr. George Baehr, former President of the New York Academy of Medicine. A reunion dinner was held in the evening for staff doctors, former house officers and their wives.

The Nurses' Alumnae Association also held a meeting in the morning as described in the Nurses Notes. In the afternoon, Kirstein Hall, our nurses' residence, was formally dedicated. See page 1.

The festivities culminated in the Silver Anniversary Dinner Meeting of the Beth Israel Hospital Association as described on page 1. Our congratulations and thanks go to all the many chairmen and their committees who made this occasion such a memorable one. Highlights of the festivities in picture appear on the following pages.

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PERSONALITIES . . .



Top to bottom: Jane Robinson, Aileen Dowd, Margaret O'Keefe.

Those of us who were watching television the evening of April 14th, were most pleasantly surprised to see three of our laboratory technicians demonstrating for Dr. Sidney Cohen, Director of Clinical Laboratories, who was the speaker on the Massachusetts Blue Cross — Blue Shield program, "You and Your Health."

These technicians represent three phases of the work of our clinical laboratories: Jane, Blood Bank Technician; Aileen, Chief Technician in the Chemistry Laboratories; Margaret, Chief Tissue Technician. Their deftness and poise under the eyes of the television cameras won our admiration and revealed the skill and ability which they bring to their jobs. 26 years of service to the hospital is represented by these three: Mrs. Dowd coming to us in 1948, Miss Robinson in 1943, and Miss O'Keefe in 1942. We are justly proud of them and their faithful and loyal service,

THE RECORD SHOWS

"In Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," says Tennyson — but not so lightly says the B.I. RECORD as we wish heartiest congratulations and best wishes to our many employees who have been married or become engaged since our last issue:

Newlyweds:

Dr. Phillip Troen, Assistant Resident in Medicine, to Betty Zelig.

Elinor Hylan, Dining Room Dietitian, and Harry Cleveland who were married April 25th. We are happy to say that Mrs. Cleveland will return to BI after her honeymoon.

Harriet Roth (Semi-Private Dietitian) to Mordechai Montag on May 3rd. Mrs. Montag will be leaving us to go to Israel where she and her husband will live.

Libby Silverman (Head Nurse on 5D) and Dr. Samuel Pinkes, Assistant Resident in Surgery — another BI romance!!!

Edwin Ellison, Night Watchman, to Mary Daley, Night Aide on 4C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have been with the Beth Israel for over five years.

Raymond West, Evening Orderly, was married to Marian Alexander, former nurse on 6N on March 29th. They toured New England on their honeymoon.

Rose-Marie Cadorette (Allergy Technician) to George Allan Smith, Jr., on May 16th. Rose-Marie's husband is an engineer and he attends Northeastern University.

Engaged Are:

Betty Breckenridge (Asst. Dietitian in the Dining Room) to Rupel Scott Perkins. Wedding bells ring out in June.

Ellecia Ross (Food Supervisor) and John Russell, Jr., will be married on June 20th.

Dorothy Coporan, Main Kitchen Dietitian, is marrying John Stella on July 19th. We'll be sorry to lose Miss Coporan. John, a civil engineer, sure is a lucky guy.

Helen Bickford, Food Supervisor, will be married on September 5th to Daniel Kinnally.

The Dietary Department sure has had a lot of excitement because of Dan Cupid — how 'bout that!!!

Lee Caplitz, Medical Research, announced her engagement to Edward Goodman on April 11th at a tea attended by many of her BI friends.

Income Tax Deductions:

We are happy to announce the following arrivals:

To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mascoop (Dorothy Mascoop, Dietitian) a son, Eliot, born March 25th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Fendell (Mrs. Fendell, former Dietitian) a daughter, Edith, born April 9th.

To former employees in Medical Research whose babies arrived within a few days of each other:

Dr. Freedberg's "x" secretary, Gloria Goldberg, gave birth to a baby girl.

Dr. Gargill's "x" technician, Barbara Rothbell, had a boy.

Dr. Meilman's "x" technician, Sonya Pike, had a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Houston (Nadine was Dr. Bibring's secretary) a daughter.

BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL 25th ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS





Wanderlust:

The "travel-bug" was busy this winter at Beth Israel. Seen sporting bee-yoo-tiful Florida tans were Lois Sandofsky (Secretary in Accounting Office), Mrs. Bellin (Supervisor of the Nursing Auxiliary), Evelyn Shuman (Pediatrics Floor Clerk), Margaret Cunningham (Nurse's Aide), and Mary Quinn (X-Ray technician).

Miss Nathan, Chief Admitting Officer, reports that her trip to Spain was just wonderful.

Service Notes:

Drs. Albert Wasserman (Asst. Resident in Medicine) and Buddy Josephs (Asst. Resident in Surgery) have left us for the Army. Good luck, fellows, the BI misses you.

Bobby Driscoll of the Storeroom leaves us May 21st to report to the Army. We are sure that Bobby will "deliver the goods" in the Army as efficiently as he has to the BI offices during the past few years. Our best wishes go with you, Bobby!

James Walsh of Maintenance was recalled into the Army last month.

Grand Rounds:

The BI RECORD SHOWS takes this opportunity to welcome all new employees — we hope you will enjoy your work here with us!!!

Congratulations to Mr. Sidney Liswood, Assistant Director, who has been appointed Instructor of Public Health at Harvard University School of Public Health as of July 1, 1953. Mr. Liswood received his Masters' Degree in Public Health from Harvard University in 1952. He is a fellow of the American Public Health Association and a member of Delta Omega, honorary Public Health Society.

NURSING NOTES

On Saturday, April 18th, the day of the Beth Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration, 237 graduates of the School of Nursing returned for a reunion. Not only were many graduates of the school present, but also many of our former instructors.

Registration was completed at 10:00 o'clock and was followed by an excellent program given in the assembly room of Kirstein Hall. Greetings were extended by Mrs. Kay Wall, president of the Alumnae who introduced Dr. Wilinsky. After greetings from Dr. Wilinsky, the gift from the Alumnae was presented to him. Following Dr. Wilinsky, the Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, Miss Mary C. Gilmore spoke. Miss Marian Gulkin, president of the Student-Faculty Association, spoke following Miss

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Gilmore. We are proud of the part that our graduates are taking in various parts of the country. Miss Adele Herwitz is in the A.N.A. office in N. Y. in the Economic Security Program. Miss Frances Ginsberg is with the Kellogg Bingham Associates as an O.R. Consultant. Miss Fanny Katz is Director of Nurses at Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, N. J. Miss Blanca Farhi is in charge of the course for Attendant Nurses at Tompkins County Hospital, Ithaca, N. Y. We could go on and on — this only mentions a few. The Army was represented by Sadie Simons, who is stationed in Texas. Many more of our graduates are in the Armed Services. A map showing the geographical distribution of our graduates was set up and revealed graduates in Israel, Australia, Scotland, Japan, Germany, Korea, Mexico, and Canada as well as in thirty-two of the United States. We certainly have traveled. When we talk of our famed graduates we can't forget the ones still here who have also gone far in their profession. After the morning program, a buffet lunch was served and later a group picture was taken. The afternoon activities consisted of the dedication of Kirstein Hall which was a most impressive ceremony and this was followed by a delightful tea. All in all a full day, but one that left us all with a feeling of good friendship and an admiration for the tremendous task carried out so ably by Mrs. Shirley Cavior, chairman of the day. Our thanks to her, to her co-chairman, Mrs. Ruth Gorney, and the members of her committee. On Sunday night of course was the Silver Anniversary Banquet of the Beth Israel Hospital and many of the alumnae attended — a tribute to Dr. Wilinsky.

The following Saturday a very successful Tombola was held at the Temple

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Kehillath Israel under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Esther Gordon. This is the large fund raising event of the Alumnae. We are indeed fortunate to have the clever and willing workers in the Alumnae who never say No when there's work to be done.

Now to the Class of 1953 and their activities: An eager, willing group, some already through training and working in the hospital, they were awaiting eagerly the big day, Thursday, May 14th, when they joined the September part of the class for the graduation exercises. The class banquet was held at Eddie Davis' Steak House where a most enjoyable meal was followed by the reading of the Class Will and Prophecy. The gift to the school, an F.M. radio, was presented to Miss Gilmore by the class president, Miss Sylvia Papkins. The Senior Party was held on May 6th and was not only entertaining but very revealing as to the hidden talents possessed by the class. Baccalaureate services were held at Temple Israel Friday, May 8th, with graduation May 14th at the Temple Meeting House. A reception followed the exercises. At this time the following awards were made to outstanding students: The Kaufman Medal for excellence in theory and practice — LOUISE JACKSON; Walter Levenson Award for high scholastic standing — JACQUELYN ZANDAN; Evelyn Levins Award for kindly nursing — LIBBY FINKLESTEIN; Claire Sonis Award for typical Beth Israel Nurse — SYLVIA PAPKINS.

The following award was presented at this time to a member of the next graduating class: Ernestine Prager Award for excellence in Nursing — SUSAN FRYE.

In all from April 18th to May 14th, we of the Nursing School had a very busy but happy time.



RIESMAN DENTAL CLINIC

The facilities of the Riesman Dental Clinic of the Beth Israel Hospital consists of fourteen rooms, twelve devoted to service, one to a laboratory, and the other to offices for the fellows in the Dental Department. The equipment is new and is designed to be employed in the various phases of dentistry.

The function of the clinic may be divided into three phases: Service, Research, and Teaching.

The Dental Service embraces extraction of teeth, minor and major oral surgery, the saving of teeth through root canal therapy, the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the gums and supporting tissues of the teeth, the diagnosis and treatment of lesions of the oral cavity such as those on the tongue, lips, and cheeks, and a complete service for children ranging from fillings, surgery and orthodontics, to general hygiene. There is also a limited service for the replacement of missing teeth in adults. On recent innovation for the maintenance of dental health and prevention of disease is the service to women receiving prenatal care in the hospital. While the majority of the above services are offered in an out-patient basis, the Riesman Dental Clinic serves in the same capacity for ward patients in the hospital. The number of individuals taking advantage of this service has increased rapidly.

Research is an active part of the department as attested to by the fact that numerous articles have been published in the various journals. Requests for reprints have come from many countries, such as Sweden, Argentina, France, Italy, Spain, and England. This research has been financed by a fund obtained from the teaching program offered by the hospital and also by Army and Public Health grants. Two textbooks have been published using the Beth Israel Hospital as the affiliation of the author. At present, many projects are in progress and it is hoped that the results will be published in the various journals.

The third phase of the activities of the clinic has been its teaching program. Courses have been offered to practicing dentists in this country and men have participated from Maine to as far as California and Florida. Because of this teaching set-up the Board of Periodontology has recognized it as a teaching area. The Riesman Dental Clinic offers three fellowships in Oral Pathology and Periodontia, and one internship in Oral Surgery. Because the hospital is recognized both as a training center in Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, and Periodontia by these respective boards, men who take their training here receive full credit towards their requirements. At present, the hospital is the only

training source for Oral Pathology in New England. There have been many applications for these fellowships. The hospital is also approved by the Council on Dental Education and the Hospital Service Committee for Dental Service and Training.

PSYCHIATRY NOTES

The acceptance of the Department of Psychiatry within recent weeks by The American Association of Psychiatric Clinics for Children represents another step in plans for increasing the scope of our work with children.

The outline of the broad project of preventive psychiatry applied within a general hospital has been completed and we are moving toward the acceptance of this plan with outside financial support. The project envisages an intensification of studies already in progress such as the effectiveness of psychiatric screening in the prenatal clinic and the value of psychotherapeutic groups of prenatal patients and the application of psychiatric techniques by non-psychiatric personnel in reducing the morbidity of emotional illness.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

The Beth Israel Hospital and Women's Auxiliary honored the Volunteers at the Annual Party held in the Sherman Auditorium on Tuesday, May 26, 1953 at 8:00 P. M. At this time, a grandfather's clock, generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedlander, was dedicated in the memory of Samuel Steiman, a devoted volunteer and employee of the hospital. The money raised by his friends and fellow workers for a memorial fund will be turned over to the Remembrance Fund of the Women's Auxiliary in his name. The clock will be placed in the Out-Patient Department near the Volunteer Office.

Following the program refreshments were served in the hospital cafeteria and a social hour enjoyed by all.

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS PAY OFF

Recently, identical suggestions to install a coin changing machine near the main lobby phone booths were made to the Suggestion Box by Joyce Stone (Accounting) and Leah Nataupsky (Nursing). This suggestion to give improved service to our patients and visitors, and relieve our cashiers office of constant interruption for change was an excellent one, and each of its authors has been awarded \$5.00.

What's your suggestion for economy, efficiency and better patient care? Drop it in the Employee Suggestion Box, and don't forget to put your name on it.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

One of our greatest gratifications has been our growing membership. The work of our Annual and Life Membership Committees have been thorough and conscientious and we are happy to report that this year, up to this date, 1375 women have become members of the Auxiliary. This fine total, added to the successful drive of last year brings our total membership up to almost 8500, and we were able thereby to make notable contributions toward the Free Care Program of the Out-Patient Department and to capital improvement for which these respective dues are designated.

LUNCHEON

Over 3000 reservations were made this year for the three-day annual Luncheons and Musical Revues. They were tremendously successful from both the financial and the social points of view. Regardless of which of our many projects women work in, they all turn to the luncheons as the crowning culmination, the days of celebration for a year's Auxiliary work — well done! The receipts of these luncheons and the Life Membership enrollment of this year represented the means by which the Auxiliary met the payment for its current projects — the renovating and the refurbishing of our first Beth Israel building — the North wing.



Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky confers with chairmen in selection of furnishings for North Wing. Left to right: Mrs. Efreim Weinreb, Chairman of Luncheons, Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman, Chairman of Life Membership, and Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Executive Director.